

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

When an image signal processing circuit first compresses an image and an image sizing circuit then enlarges the compressed image, the resolution, particularly the vertical resolution, is degraded by the enlarging process and overall image quality thus drops. This problem is solved by an image cropping circuit that crops a photographed image to a defined image area without any image compression when a second zoom switch is engaged. This improves the resolution of the output image and eliminates the time needed for image compression and other signal processing operations. An enlarged image can thus be easily and immediately presented for viewing.

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